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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



April 5, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE (1)
CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) is requesting approval to authorize the acquisition of one emergency response vehicle for the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT). The emergency response vehicle costs approximately \$450,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by the board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of one CNT emergency response vehicle, not to exceed a total of \$450,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to purchase one CNT emergency response vehicle.

The CNT emergency response vehicle will transport negotiators to emergent events involving barricaded/hostage incidents. The vehicle is self-contained and is designed to

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accommodate workstations for a team of five negotiators (primary negotiator, secondary negotiator, scribe, radio operator and intelligence).

At the direction of the Tactical Commander, the CNT emergency response vehicle will deploy to the designated Command Post, and at times, near the scene for throw phone operations. CNT augments tactical operations and is a valuable tool to bring highly dangerous situations to a peaceful resolution.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Public Safety, by providing the Department with greater capabilities to ensure the safety of the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of a CNT emergency response vehicle is approximately \$450,000. The purchase will be funded by the use of Homeland Security - Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) 2020 grant funding. There is no impact on net County funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Law enforcement is tasked with the primary mission of protecting lives and property. The challenges faced by law enforcement in accomplishing these duties have evolved dramatically with incidents involving barricaded suspects. A CNT emergency response vehicle will give our Department the ability to lessen the impact in scenarios where barricaded suspects, endanger the lives of the public and first responders.

On October 16, 2001, the Board approved the classification categories for fixed assets and new requirements for major fixed assets (now referred to as capital assets) acquisitions requiring County departments to obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000, or greater, prior to submitting their requisitions to ISD.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisition of a CNT emergency response vehicle is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

The procurement of a CNT emergency response vehicle is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the CPA. The purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the CPA in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The CNT emergency response vehicle will greatly enhance the Department's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safe, efficient, and cost-effective manner.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two copies of the adopted Board letter to the Special Operations Division.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



TIMOTHY K. MURAKAMI
UNDERSHERIFF